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The present application was filed on August 22, 2006 as the US National stage of PCT application PCT/JP2005/02224 which has an international filing date of November 28, 2005 and claims priority to Japanese patent application serial number 2004-347688 filed November 30, 2004.

Hence, as the foreign priority filing date of the present application is prior to the U.S. filing date of Nomura, Nomura is not prior art to the present application.

In the Advisory Action of December 3, 2009, the Examiner states that “a certified translation of the priority document has not been received and therefore the foreign priority date has not been perfected. Accordingly, the rejection of record is respectfully maintained.”

Applicants have now finished and are submitting herewith a verified English translation of Japanese patent application serial number 2004-347688. Therefore, Applicants are entitled to claim the benefit of the November 30, 2004 filing date of this priority application which is prior to the U.S. filing date of Nomura. Therefore, Nomura is not prior art to the present application.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

### Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any further fee should be due for this response and/or extension of time, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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